

AUSTRIAN FORCES OCCUPY MOUNT LOVSEN

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SERIOUS QUESTION RAISED

Germans Hold a Slight Gain in the Champagne District of the War Now.

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—The failure of a French attack on German positions north of Le Mesnil in the Champagne along a front of about 1,000 yards was announced by the war office today.

An ammunition depot in the southern section of Lille, northern France, has been blown up. An official announcement says that seventy persons were killed and forty injured.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The announcement of the occupation of Mount Lovsen in Montenegro, although it is not confirmed from Entente sources, is generally accepted here as true. Uneasiness, which is already freely expressed in Italy, is reflected in the English and French newspapers. The loss of Lovsen from the point of view of the Allies is serious owing to the fact that its summit dominates Cattaro bay, the Austrian naval base. Before Italy entered the war the French had established a number of guns on the mountain and had prepared emplacements for heavy guns, which could have swept the bay. Austria by seizing it forestalls this danger and is in a commanding position with regard to Cetinje, the capital of Montenegro, which is little over six miles distant although sheltered by intervening mountains.

The Austrian advance considering the distance to be covered was much slower than that made in the Teuton conquest of Serbia, but in consideration of the formidable obstacles, which the mountainous character of the country presents, it is conceded that the invaders are making steady progress.

The question is being anxiously raised as to why the Entente Allies did not long ago send aid to the Montenegrins and in particular why Italy, which is more acutely affected by the Austrian invasion, had not taken preventative measures. The Austrians are now only ten miles from the capital of Montenegro, calculating the distance over the existing road and the country may have the effect, it is said by military critics, of isolating the troops who are defending the northeastern frontier.

In Champagne the Germans hold a slight gain as a result of the determined offensive of last Sunday. The French military authorities say that the German forces, which delivered the attack, lost heavily as with three divisions they advanced in the face of the French artillery fire which took a terrible toll.

From the eastern front it is reported that a comparative lull at present prevails. Special despatches affirm that the Russians have been so successful in consolidating their new positions that the Austro-Germans have begun to remove the supplies from the bases, which they had established in preparation for the advance which they intended to make in the coming spring.

PRISONERS

Are Worked on the Roads with Good Success as Shown by Official Report.

MORGANTOWN, Jan. 12.—That county prisoners can be worked profitably on county highways has been shown conclusively by the report of Sheriff C. D. Conaway, of Marion county. During the year 1914, county prisoners in that county labored just 3,940 days on the county roads, the work done varying from the laying of 1,000 feet of paved roads through Norwood, a suburb of the prisoners to and from the jail, slips along the many county roads. While the county was forced to spend a large sum of money in the way of employing guards and providing food and clothing for the prisoners the authorities state that the returns justified the expenditure.

County officers are advocating the purchase of a motor truck by the county for the purpose of transporting the prisoners to and from the jail, it being found that considerable time was wasted going and coming. With a motor truck the prisoners could be whisked to any part of the county in a very few minutes and the danger of escape would also be reduced to a minimum. The truck could also be used in transporting materials for the bridges, carrying stone, gravel and other road building materials. The most prisoners were worked during the month of June in Marion county, the list reaching 469 men.

VERDICT FOR DAMAGES.

A circuit court jury has returned a verdict of \$123.33 against the city in favor of Charles L. Hickman for injury done property on account of street grading. In the same case the jury found in favor of James F. Dye, a defendant.

SENATOR ENGLAND ENTERS THE RACE



Senator E. T. England.

For the Nomination for Office of Attorney General of West Virginia.

LOGAN, W. Va., Jan. 12.—Senator E. T. England, president of the West Virginia Senate, on being asked today at his home town, Logan, as to whether he had definitely decided to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for attorney general, said:

"I have had this matter under careful consideration for some time past. It was suggested to me some time ago, by a number of my friends, that I enter the contest for this nomination, and from that time on I have been given the matter serious consideration. After making a general survey of the situation for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment for me throughout the state, I have fully decided to enter the race. This conclusion was not reached until I was thoroughly satisfied that public sentiment justified my doing so. I have had very strong encouragement from practically every section of the state to enter this race.

This is the first time Logan county has ever had a candidate for state office; neither has any of its citizens been honored by an appointive office in any of the state departments; therefore, our people feel that we deserve some recognition at the hands of the Republic party, especially in view of the fact that Logan county, with its recent developments, and almost inexhaustible resources, is destined to become, in the near future, one of the greatest and wealthiest counties in the state.

The rapid growth of the Republican party in this county, by reason of recent industrial development, leads us to the inevitable conclusion that it will be but a short time until Logan county will be numbered as one of the leading Republican counties of the state.

While I have been a member of the state Senate, and as president of that body, I have always advocated the enactment of such laws as I believe would bring the greatest good to the greatest number of people, at the same time seeking to be just to all the legitimate industries of our great and growing state. I have no entangling alliances with any one or any faction, if we have such in our party, but am a candidate on my own merits, whatever they may be. It is more than likely that I will make an aggressive campaign, but at the same time, it will be conducted upon the most friendly terms with my opponents, wherever they may be.

I am entering this contest with the expectation of winning, as I feel very confident I will, but, should I lose the nomination, then I will do what is within my power to elect my successful opponent. It is the greatest desire of my heart to see a united Republican party; a united party spells victory, both in the state and in the nation.

The general trend of sentiment seems to be toward the Republican party; the party of progress; the party that does things.

I have no personal platform to promulgate, except the Republican platform, and upon that I stand with both feet. I am and always have been in perfect harmony with the platform, principles and traditions of the Republican party.

If nominated and elected, as attorney general of this state, it will be my highest aim to discharge the

RATTLING FINE IS A PICTURE IN A WINDOW

At the Farrell Drug Store on West Pike Street West of the Federal Building.

The moving picture at Farrell's drug store window today is a rattling good one and well set, representing a "rattlesnake roundup" with keepers in charge, same being Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Higgins, garbed in Texas costume—and several big rattlers doing the movie act in real undulating style, greatly to the delight of a crowd of men and boys, the latter with their noses glued to the window at all hours of the day while the show is on.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins brought the rattlers all the way from their rattlesnake farm in Brownsville, Tex. Until they came here nobody in Clarksburg had any idea that they raised rattlers on a farm just like they do cows and hogs; but, according to Higgins, they do raise the "varmints" right in Brownsville, Tex., where Higgins has 30,000 rattlers, big 'uns and little 'uns, in ten pits, 3,000 of them in a pit. Pleasant company for neighbors, yes?

In Farrell's window they have rattlers, the largest seven feet long, sixteen years old, weighing twenty-two pounds, also a blacksnake, which is quite a pet with the rattlers. These rattlers are very friendly fellows when you know them and they know you, says Mr. Higgins. He is not afraid of them either, he says, nor is Mrs. Higgins, although when asked the question both admitted having been bitten more than once and both showed scars on their hands due to snake bite. Asked also whether they believed in John Barleycorn as a cure for snakebite, they both smiled and said they certainly did not; that when bitten they cut open the wound wide and treat it locally, keeping it open and letting it bleed as long as possible, in this way not allowing the poison to permeate the system.

CHICKEN POX

Causes Death of Lukizid Fanitza, Daughter of Mrs. Louise Fanitza.

Funeral services over the body of Lukizid Fanitza, aged fifteen months, daughter of Mrs. Louise Fanitza, of New Chieftan, who died at her home there at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning after an illness of chicken pox were held at the home at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday morning and the burial was in the Holy Cross cemetery.

Duties of that office to the best of my ability, zealously looking after the interests of the state at all times. With this short statement, I submit my claims to the Republican voters of the state for their verdict to be rendered at the June primary.

BRIDGEPORT'S GAS CASE IS TO BE DECIDED

By the Public Service Commission Some Time the Present Week.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 12.—The public service commission has set February 14 as the date on which to hear evidence on the petition of B. T. Clayton against the West Virginia Water and Electric Company, asking that a reduction in water and electricity in the city of Charleston be materially reduced. The city of Charleston has become a party to the suit and will assist in the effort to bring about a reduction in rates. The company last night presented a tentative proposition to the city in which it was offered to reduce the water rates twenty-five per cent, but the city refused to accept the terms.

The commission announced that it will hold open the case of the National Tube Company of Wheeling against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company and others until all the briefs are filed by the plaintiff, at which time it will set a time for hearing oral arguments. Rates charged by the railroad company for hauling slag from the iron mills at Wheeling are involved in this proceeding.

All the evidence was submitted in the case of the Bridgeport Natural Gas Company, which asks permission to increase rates it charges for gas in Bridgeport, and a decision is expected this week.

The Montgomery water rate case was set for January 14.

The Huntington water rate case was set for a hearing January 21.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad Company announced to the commission that it had arranged for the erection of a station at Bluestone Junction to cost \$25,000.

DEATH ANGEL

Claims Mrs. Ella McNichols, One of the Oldest Residents of the City.

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Ella McNichols, aged 90 years, one of the city's oldest residents who passed away at 12:05 o'clock Wednesday morning following a three weeks' illness of pneumonia and grip at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Pike, 328 East Pike street, will be held at 9 o'clock Friday morning, at the church of the Immaculate Conception and the burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery.

The death of Mrs. McNichols, or "Grannie" McNichols, as she was better known by all her friends, cast a pall of gloom over the eastern part of the city where she lived the most of her life and where she was held in high esteem by all. She was a good Christian woman and was always ready and willing to do a kind act for any one and was never without a word of comfort to any person whether friend or foe. She was a life long member of the Catholic church and although in her ninety-first year when death claimed her she had taken an active part in church work and attended all religious services until the time of her last illness which was three weeks ago.

Although her death was not a surprise to her friends as she had been in a critical condition since last Thursday all were shocked Wednesday morning when it became known that she had passed away.

Surviving relatives of the deceased woman are Mrs. Anna Pike, her daughter with whom she made her home, and Edward and Thomas McNichols, of Dallasville, Ind., sons.

NEGRO LYNCHED

Near Scene of Murder by Mob of 200 Masked Men in North Carolina.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., Jan. 12.—Two hundred masked men visited the Wayne county jail here early today, compelled the jailer to deliver the keys, took from a cell John Richards, a negro, charged with having been implicated in the murder of Anderson Gurley, a farmer, carried him to the scene of the crime and hanged him to a tree. They then fired into the body. Richards is said to have confessed to the authorities that he and two other negroes sought to rob Gurley, and killed him when he resisted.

KNIGHTS TO MEET.

Clarksburg Council, No. 872, Knights of Columbus will meet in its hall on West Pike street at 8 o'clock Wednesday night. The meeting night was changed from Thursday to Wednesday in order that all members wishing to attend the Senatus McManis lecture on Thursday evening might do so. As important business matters will be discussed all members are urged to be present.

CARRANZA IS ASKED TO PUNISH BANDITS

WOULD-BE DRUGGISTS ARE EXAMINED HERE

State Board of Pharmacy Tests Fifteen Applicants for Licenses.

Fifteen applicants for state licenses to practice pharmacy, among the number being six students of the new department of pharmacy of West Virginia University, are taking the examinations prescribed by the state before the state board of pharmacy in session at the Waldo hotel here. The examinations began Wednesday morning and will continue until Thursday evening.

Of the total number of applicants who are taking the examinations, eight seek licenses as registered pharmacists and the others seek licenses as registered assistant pharmacists. The students of the new department of pharmacy of West Virginia University are included among the latter. Prof. C. H. Bell, head of the department, came to Clarksburg with them.

Three written examinations were held Wednesday in the branches of chemistry, pharmacy and materia medica. An examination in practical work will be held all day Thursday, the most of it being devoted to the compounding of prescriptions.

Four members of the state board of pharmacy are conducting the examinations here, namely, Alf Walker, of Sutton; S. M. Scott, Jr., of Terra Alta; J. N. Judy, of Petersburg; and Frank B. Haymaker, of Clarksburg. The other member, B. E. Downs, of Welch, was unable to attend because of illness.

Those taking the examinations are as follows: Earl F. Gower, Mannington. Ralph M. White, Clarksburg. Thomas W. Stephens, McMechen. Harry McMullen, Jr., Cameron. Charles Edward Brantlinger, Wilkesburg. Octave Arthur Rousseau, Clarksburg.

Julian Baker Chipley, Moorefield. Frank Lyman Murphy, Guyandotte. Elijah Lyons Huddleston, Paintsville, Ky.

F. Herbert Schaffer, Keyser. J. Elmer Baker, Hagerstown, Md. George W. Meehler, Morgantown. Robert McFarren Holroyd, Morgantown. Bernar Cecil Hale, Princeton. Harvey G. Arnett, Fairmont.

Three examinations are conducted by the state pharmacy board each year. The next one will be held in May in the department of pharmacy at the state university.

WEST VIRGINIA BANK

Stockholders Hold Their Annual Meeting and Elect Directors and Officers.

When the stockholders of the West Virginia Bank assembled in annual meeting Wednesday forenoon, they learned that the institution had had a most prosperous year. The primary purpose of the meeting was to elect a board of directors for the year as well as to choose bank officers. The following persons were elected members of the board:

David Davidson, R. S. Douglass, Dr. W. P. Goff, Charles M. Hart, Percy Byrd, Dr. R. A. Haynes and George L. Duncan.

The directors elected George L. Duncan president and R. A. Farland cashier. The regular staff members were re-elected to their respective positions.

COAL MEN

Elect Officers for the Year and Hold a Banquet at Fairmont.

FAIRMONT, Jan. 12.—The second annual meeting of the West Virginia Coal Operators' Association was held here Tuesday. The work was concluded Tuesday evening with the election of the following officers:

President, C. H. Jenkins, Fairmont; first vice president, A. Leslie White, Clarksburg; second vice president, B. E. Isner, Clarksburg; treasurer, C. J. Ryan, Clarksburg; secretary, D. R. Lawson, Fairmont; board of directors, A. Leslie White, Dan Howard, V. E. Gocke, A. G. Liesenring, J. B. Hanford, A. W. Galloway, G. D. Robinson, R. M. Hite, J. A. Clark, J. E. Wolfe, W. E. Watson, Jr., Brooke Fleming, R. B. Isner and M. L. Hutchinson.

A banquet Tuesday night was enjoyed by the association members. J. Walter Lord, of Robinson, one of the speakers, is attorney for the association. Daniel Howard, of Clarksburg is the retiring president of the organization.

FUNERAL OF RELATIVE.

FAIRMONT, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Anthony Bowen and her mother, Mrs. I. M. Kelley, of Bowentown, were in Connellsville, Pa., Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Kelley's sister, Miss Elizabeth Harr. Miss Harr was a resident of Pittsburg.

WEST FORK IS ON A RAMPAGE

But No Very Serious Flood Damage from It is Looked For Here.

Much damage has been wrought as the result of the flood, which early today threatened to assume a most serious aspect at Weston when the West Fork of the Monongahela river had reached a depth of six feet in the principal streets and was rising six inches an hour.

At noon the flood had reached its height, although it was not expected it would begin to fall until night. Reports from the surrounding country told of bridges washed away and much other property damaged. Roundville and Glenville, towns along the Little Kanawha river, are said to have suffered severely.

No fatalities are reported.

The West Fork began rising late yesterday after a long rainfall and at midnight it was out of its banks. Traction lines entering Weston were soon under four feet of water and by daybreak the electric light plant was flooded. Soon afterwards the waterworks were closed down and the Baltimore and Ohio railroad ceased to operate. Second street was covered to a depth of six feet and in the business section the basements of stores rapidly filled with water. East Weston, a suburb with 8,000 population, suffered severely, the occupants of entire blocks being compelled to move.

The flood of 1888 in July at the crest was 952 1-2 feet above sea level. The measurement today at 11:30 a. m. was only 931 feet at the West Fork bridge and rising about four inches an hour. The crest will be reached here between 5 and 7 o'clock tonight, and will not exceed two or three feet further rise. The water is not alarming here, and at noon today was hardly to the top of the retaining wall above the river bridge on the Clarksburg side. This will be within a foot or so of the flood of November, 1913, and February, 1914, the last two floods of any note.

MUSICALE

Along with Literary Program Will Be Given in the Colored Trinity Church.

There will be a literary and musical program given by the Tri-Mu Club, at the colored Trinity Methodist Episcopal church Thursday evening. The program will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. It will be as follows:

Duet Lone Bowyer and Virginia Ruffin Invocation. Violin Solo Samuel Lassiter Selection Tri-Mu Quartet Selection Mrs. L. M. Tuck Duet Misses Lacy and Richardson Solo Mrs. M. J. Ricket Selection Mrs. L. M. Tuck Illustrated Song Mrs. Mattie Lassiter Duet—Misses Washington and Robinson.

MISSION

At Christ Church is Featured with Fine Talk by Morgantown Rector.

A very interesting mission service and talk on "Our Need of Spiritual Help" by the Rev. Percy N. McDonald, rector of the Episcopal church in Morgantown, was held in Christ Episcopal church Tuesday afternoon. At 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening Mr. McDonald will make a short address on "The Curse of Inaction." Everyone is cordially invited to attend these mission meetings.

SNOW FATAL

To One Man in Chicago and Causes Half a Score of Minor Accidents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—One man is dead and half a score of minor accidents were reported as the result of a snow and sleet storm which struck Chicago last night and continued today. August Schultz, an ice man, sustained fatal injuries when he slipped and fell while carrying a 200-pound cake of ice. Other accidents also were due chiefly to the slippery sleet-crusted sidewalks.

Secretary Lansing Telegraphs Him Calling for Prompt Punishment of Murderers.

WHITE HOUSE IS UNEASY

Latest Mexican Outbreak May Be Vehicle for Further Attacks in Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Secretary Lansing today telegraphed General Carranza calling for the prompt punishment of the bandits who executed seventeen Americans near Chihuahua Monday. Through Eliseo Arredondo, the newly appointed Mexican ambassador here, it was arranged to bring the bodies from Chihuahua to Juarez today on a special train.

Mr. Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador here, received the confirmation from Carranza sources of the execution of the Americans and has asked for further details. His advice is the first confirmation from Mexican sources.

Official despatches from Chihuahua to the state department said the bodies of the seventeen Americans arrived at that city last night.

Customs Collector Cobb at El Paso today reported that his investigation seemed to establish that sixteen were killed. The state department did not divulge the sources of Collector Cobb's information, but they believe the report is accurate.

Collector Cobb has been acting as a special agent for the state department in Mexican affairs, and officials here know that he has sources of information in Mexico, upon which they have heretofore been unable to depend. All other state department agents on the border were today instructed to gather all available information on the executions and forward it to Washington.

At the White House and at the state department there was unconcealed anxiety over the situation and concern that the latest outbreak in Mexico might make the vehicle for further attacks by the opposition in Congress upon the administration's foreign policy, and its recognition of General Carranza.

Secretary Lansing's only announcement on the case was that the United States would look to General Carranza for satisfaction. The question of what steps the United States will take depends upon development of the facts.

President Wilson was in communication today with Secretaries Garrison and Lansing and gave instructions to send to the White House all facts as rapidly as they were received. Advises that at least sixteen Americans were killed were received by Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, and also by the state department.

At the White House it was declared that while something undoubtedly will be done what steps the government will take has not been decided.

At the state department officials referred to the fact that Americans had been warned since the United States decided to recognize General Carranza to leave the states of Sonora and Chihuahua, which were then regarded as Villa strongholds. They said that in spite of the official warning more than 600 Americans still remained in the district, including 200 Mormons at Casa Grandes.

An official list of the dead received by the state department agrees with the list contained in the news despatches with the exception that it does not contain the name of Murray Crosscut, of San Antonio.

As soon as the Senate assembled Senator Sherman, Republican, introduced a resolution proposing intervention in Mexico by the United States and the six Pan-American nations, which have acted with it in Mexican affairs, unless General Carranza complies with a demand to protect foreign lives and property.

Senator Gallinger Republican leader, declared the United States should demand full and quick reparation. "There should be conclusive action taken in this matter," said he. "If full reparation is not made the government should take action necessary to enforce it."

Secretary Lansing issued another statement in which he said the state department would take every possible precaution to prevent Americans "from exposing their lives in a region where guerrilla warfare is in progress" but that "it is to be deplored that its advice was not followed."

"Every step will be taken to see that the perpetrators of this dastardly crime are apprehended and punished," he said.

BENNETT ELECTED, TOO.

T. C. Bennett was elected Tuesday as a director of the Empire National Bank. His name was unintentionally omitted from the list Tuesday by the Telegram.

STORE MANAGERS MEET.

Store managers and payroll clerks at Consolidation Coal Company mine of the region met Tuesday night in the company assembly rooms in the Washington building at Fairmont. Conditions were discussed and plans for efficient work for the next month were divulged. M. E. Ashcraft and Frank Neely presided.